

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.

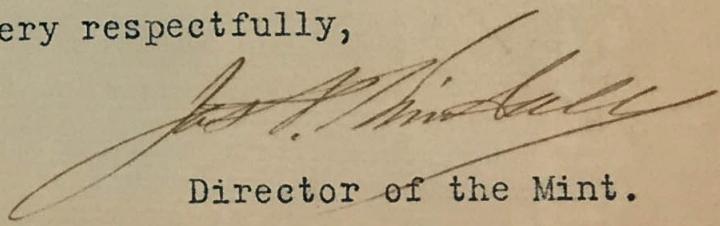
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Sir:

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Very respectfully,

A cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. F. Madall".

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

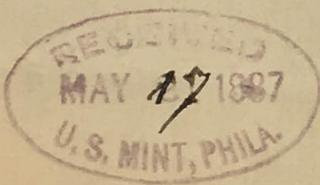
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James. P. Kimball.
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